



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA has been representing Connecticut's employers for 200 years and today is proud to say the vast majority of our members are small companies employing less than 50 people.

**CBIA is concerned with the following bills on today's agenda because the bills include broad language giving the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection authority to adopt regulations:**

- **HB 5331: AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION**
- **SB 190: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**
- **SB 196: AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS**

The exceptionally broad language included in these bills makes it challenging for CBIA to provide feedback from the employer community. While CBIA certainly appreciates these bills may be serving as placeholder for concepts as they develop, the current language gives the Commissioner wide-ranging authority without the benefit of legislative review of a specific issue. Although it is difficult to provide feedback at this time CBIA looks forward to the opportunity to work with the committee on these concepts moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA's comments.